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THE ALUMNI COUNCIL

Meeting of Those Interested in Proposed Organization Held in Utica on Saturday Evening Last.

Following the action of the Board of Trustees last June in regard to the formation of an Alumni Council, a number of Alumni, representing all the crowds on the Hill, were invited to attend a conference held on Saturday evening at Bagg's Hotel in Utica. The discussion lasted until a late hour, when the meeting was adjourned until eleven o'clock on the morning of Tuesday in Commencement Week.

At that time a committee of three, chosen Saturday evening, will report with the draft of an instrument designed to create the Alumni Council. This draft will be submitted to all the Alumni at the annual meeting on Wednesday.

The committee consists of Sidney A. Sherwin, Sr., '67, Batavia; Seward A. Miller, '99, Utica City National Bank Building, and Richard C. S. Drummond, '01, Auburn. This committee was instructed to prepare the draft in accordance with the suggestions contained in the resolution of the Trustees and those made at Saturday's conference of Alumni. Roughly, it would provide for the creation of a Council, made up of a suitable number of Alumni, whose duty it would be to receive and consider all suggestions bearing on the affairs, big and small, of the College and to transmit their conclusions to the proper authorities as a basis for action.

The same committee was instructed to prepare a list of names to present to the Alumni in June as suggestions for the first membership of the Council. A number of names for the list were suggested by the men present on Saturday evening.

When the committee has completed its draft, the results will be communicated to the Alumni through the College publications. The same course will be followed when the list of names is filled. The committee will welcome any suggestions from the Alumni to help and direct them in their work.

K. P. AND DEBATE APPOINTEES.

The following men have been elected to Clark Prize: Ralph B. Colson, New York Mills; Clarence B. Day, San Anselmo, Calif.; Albert A. Getman, Oneonta; William J. Manion, Ferndale, and M. Karl Wisehart of Wilkesbarre, Pa.

The following men have been elected to the Forty-third McKinney Prize Debate: Edward C. Burdick, Fairmont, Minn.; Ralph B. Colson, New York Mills; Stanley W. Jones, Utica; William J. Manion, Ferndale; Theodore D. Martin, Manti, Utah, and M. Karl Wisehart, Wilkesbarre, Pa. Colson, Jones and Wisehart will uphold the negative of the question: Resolved, That the proposed recall of judges is contrary to sound public policy.

INTERSCHOLASTIC WEEK.

Plans for Interscholastic Week are rounding into shape. Final invitations were sent to twenty schools, ten of which have accepted. Binghamton High School, Utica Free Academy, Assumption Academy, Ilion High School, Colgate Academy, Liberty High School, Palmyra High School Carthage High School, and Cazenovia Seminary will probably be represented in the meet. If there are any men in College who wish entry blanks sen to schools other than the above they should see Martin, '11, immediately. All matters having to do with the entertainment of the visitors are being looked after by E. H. Jones, '11, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee. Any requests for the privilege of entertaining certain schools or individuals during Interscholastic Week should be made to Jones as soon as possible.

—One of the victims of the Easton wreck was Miss Sophia Kuolt of Utica, sister of Kuolt, '07.

SOUTHERN TRIP SCORES

Strong Southern Teams Run Up Large Scores—Conclusively Shown That Team Lacked Practice.

The Southern trip was disastrous in so far as the outcome of the games is any criterion.

The score of the game with Delaware was encouragingly close, but thereafter the team seems to have given a poor exhibition of baseball. Of course, it was not to be expected that we should beat such excellent teams as Washington and Lee and Trinity, but a better showing than the scores indicate was expected. It is unfortunate that the Manager was compelled to schedule games with such high-class teams, yet sufficient guarantees could not be obtained by playing teams nearer our own standard. In addition to the fact that the teams encountered were of greater inherent strength, that they were playing regularly scheduled games for nearly a month gave them a tremendous advantage.

The scores indicate that the team could not hit and also fielded very poorly—errors were far more numerous than hits. These deficiencies are not at all surprising, for the team has had not a single good practice. The cold weather prevented the pitchers from extending themselves in order to give the men proper batting practice and the wretched condition of our field could in little measure prepare the men for the hard, fast diamonds on which they played down South. However, the team played better than did last year's, so that, by a liberal use of optimism, we may hope for better contested games on our regular schedule.

The results of the games were:

At Newark: Delaware 4, Hamilton 3

At Emmettsburg, Md.: Mt. St. Mary's 12, Hamilton 0; Mt. St. Mary's 14, Hamilton 3.

At Lexington, Va.: Washington and

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1913, 36; HERKIMER H. S., 6.

The result of the game between Herkimer and the Sophomores last Saturday afternoon might be readily mistaken for a football score. As may be seen from the score, the game was farcical. Still, good plays were not infrequent and the number of clean hits secured by the Sophomores was large even for such a game. Wood's batting and Wenigmann's throwing featured. "Woody" also surprised all by his base running—in fact, Stanley was quite the hero. "Ty Cobb" Kultchar also played and chewed gum. Score by innings:

		R.	H.	E.
1913,	7 4 5 5 0 3 4 5 3	36	!	?
H. H. S.,	0 0 3 0 2 0 0 0 1	6	3	??

1914, 9; CLINTON H. S., 3.

The Freshmen played a strong game against Clinton High School on Thursday afternoon and easily defeated them in five innings by a score of 9 to 3. Taylor, the Clinton pitcher, received very poor support, while Ogden, cheered on by the inspiring sonatas of John Van Alstyne Weaver, pitched a good game. His support was much better than that accorded his opponent, however, and his teammates batted better. Score by innings:

		R.	H.	E.
C. H. S.,	0 1 0 0 2	3	4	8
1914,	0 1 7 1 0	9	6	3

Batteries: Taylor and Manchester; Ogden and Lyon.

FRESHMEN WIN AT ROME.

The Freshman Baseball Team scored a victory over Rome Free Academy last Saturday by a score of 8 to 7 in a ten-inning battle. Rome overcame a good lead in the seventh and eighth innings by bunching hits with errors. Flagg's home run in the ninth tied the score and a single, a stolen base and an overthrow by the catcher let in the winning run in the tenth. Ogden struck out nineteen men. The score by innings:

		R.	H.	E.
1914,	0 2 0 1 0 3 0 0 1 1	8	8	5
R.F.A.,	0 0 1 0 1 0 3 2 0 0	7	5	7

Batteries: Ogden and Lyon; McNamara and White.

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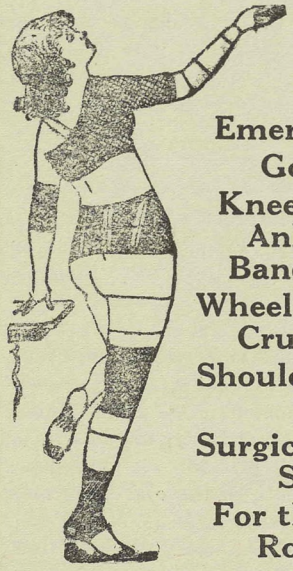

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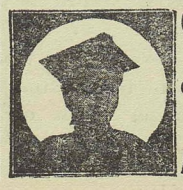

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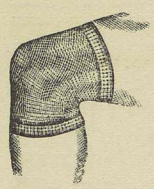

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EDITORIAL.

The proposal to rearrange the Commencement program has, at last, inspired a change in the schedule for that week.

It is unfortunate that the President's amendment to the proposed change robs the plan of the chief of its intended advantages.

Certainly the best arrangement is that originally proposed in Life; Alumni Day on Saturday, then Baccalaureate Sabbath, with Commencement Day on Monday—thus enabling graduates to attend practically all the exercises of Commencement by a day's—for Saturday is in June practically a half-holiday—or, at most a two days' absence from business. The recently approved schedule for the College year of 1912, however, while appearing broadly to accept the suggestion of change, invalidates the scheme by placing Alumni Day on Monday, and Commencement Day on Tuesday, thus leaving the week almost as broken as by the present plan, although bringing together the three days of chief interest to the Alumni.

But, the whole point of the scheme is to have Commencement on Monday not on Thursday, or Tuesday, or any other day of the week.

Now, this plan has been carefully discussed and worked out, not only by Undergraduates, but by members of the Board of Trustees, of the Faculty, and of the Alumni.

The plan has received the cordial and generous endorsement of the large number of Alumni who have been consulted, it has been favorably considered by the graduate meetings of at least one of the honorary societies, it is known that it meets the approval of most of the Trustees who have informed themselves on the matter; an informal canvass of the Faculty has shown their approval of the scheme.

The unprecedented knowledge at hand of graduate sentiment on this matter, and the practical unanimity of sentiment in favor of the original proposal, should, we believe, convince the administration that the new Commencement program will most wisely be based on the selection of Monday—not Tuesday—as Commencement Day.

The convenience of the Alumni is the predominant consideration. Their desires have been made plain, and can hardly in propriety or justice be disregarded.

We believe Life expresses the general graduate sentiment toward the proposed change, in urging the reconsideration and rearrangement of the schedule, with the purpose of having Commencement Day fall on Monday rather than on Tuesday.

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Elsewhere in this issue we print the letter of a graduate who argues against the shifting of Commencement Day to Monday. It is one of his points that the exercises should be held on Thursday for the reason that they always have been held on Thursday. This is the argument from tradition.

Now, a custom may take its beauty from the fact that it was the will of the community many years ago, but it takes its real strength from the fact that it is still the will of the community. Against almost any change the argument from tradition can be raised, and had it always been carried to its logical conclusion, we should be even more primitive on this hill-top than we are today. We should, for instance, be bathing under difficulties, which the erection of some dormitories, unhallowed by tradition, have eliminated.

Some there are who think that we are doing a number of things here from habit, and not because there is any wisdom or virtue in our doing them. Fortunately there is no danger that this Hill will be stripped of the tissue of traditions which make it dear, but when a way of doing things interferes with the convenience or progress of the College or its peoples, it is idle to cling to it for the mere sake of tradition. We have from time to time discarded many customs that no longer seemed to fit the needs, and in years to come, the alumni of the future will cease to do many things that this generation likes to do now. We congratulate the Alumni of the future will cease to do mon sense.

We are not sure why Thursday was originally selected for Commencement Day; we do not know who was running things at that time. But we do know that if the greater part of the Alumni want the exercises held on Monday, it is preposterous that they should be held on any other day.

For the last few years there has been but little interest taken in Track; it is undoubtedly the poorest supported activity in College. This year we have three good meets, Union, St. Lawrence, and the Inter-Collegiate. We have a good coach, and we have good material—what there is of it. There are two things needed to make a successful season: more material, and hard training by the whole squad. Every one should come out for the team; a man can not tell whether or not he can run until he has tried it. As to training, a man should have enough respect for himself and for the College to keep strict training. The Inter-Class Meet is on May 11. Everyone come out and see what he can do in it.

C. S. PECK, '12.

—The term athletic tax of $5.00 is due Wednesday, May 3rd. Professor Carruth will be at the Library all that morning to collect the tax.

SOUTHERN TRIP SCORES.

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Lee 15, Hamilton 1; Washington and Lee 16, Hamilton 1.

At Durham, N. C.: Trinity College 11, Hamilton 1.

The above scores are rather discouraging, but be tolerant and hope for better results henceforth.

Life regrets that this account is so incomplete, but contrary to expectations, details of the games were not mailed.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Auburn, N. Y., May 1st.

To the Editor of Hamilton Life.

Dear Sir:

As an Alumnus, interested in keeping in touch with my College and my fellow-Alumni, I heartily favor the plan for changing Commencement Day. A "week-end" Commencement, with Alumni Day on Saturday, Baccalaureate on Sunday, and Commencement Day on Monday, will tend to bring the Alumni back together, instead of scattering them along through the week, as heretofore. Also, it will tend to bring back more of them, the Saturday-Sunday-Monday program enabling many busy men to attend, who could not afford to give up the middle of a week. It must be painfully evident to those who return regularly, that of late years both the Baccalaureate Services and the Commencement Day exercises have been meagerly attended. Let us make it as easy as possible for the Alumni to come back to the Hill.

This is exactly what the change of Commencement Day to Monday will do. It is exactly what President Stryker's proposed amendment to the plan, putting Commencement Day on Tuesday, will not do. All the "week-end" benefit is thereby lost. Nor is any compensating gain perceptible. In point of convenience, Tuesday is no better than Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday. The Alumni, so far as they have been heard from, favor Monday. The Faculty, it is true, seems to favor Tuesday, by its recent vote. But, in fairness to the Faculty members themselves, and to the Alumni, who are, after all, the persons most interested, the following facts about the latest Faculty meeting should be understood: first, that the matter was presented to the meeting without forewarning, and pressed to an issue without due time for consideration; second, that the voice of the gathering so far as it was raised in discussion, favored not President Stryker's amendments, but the plan as originally proposed; and, finally, that the amendment was passed only after pressure had been brought to bear.

This, I am aware, is plain speaking. I dislike to take issue with the President of my College. But, in a matter such as this, which is itself an Alumni movement and germane to the loyal interest of the Alumni body, I believe that the President may well subordinate his own desires to the will of that great body of graduates, whose best hope it is that loyalty to Hamilton College and loyalty to its present head may be, in the future, as they have been in the past, one and indivisible.

SAMUEL HOPKINS ADAMS, '91.

Boston, April 26, 1911.

Editor of Hamilton Life:

I thank you for the extract from the issue of March 14. We live in too busy an age for any considerable number of our Alumni to attend four or five days of Commencement week exercises, involving, in many cases, a week's absence from home and business. Our Eastern Convocation of Episcopal Churches now reduces its session to less than 24 hours; and nearly all the learned societies and other bodies with which I am connected transact their business and intellectual work in sessions never exceeding two days.

We want Hamilton men to make College Hill a grand rendezvous at Commencement, and, to bring this about, we must let two or three days do the entire job for them. I am anticipating a high old time in 1912 when "Old Ham." touches 100, and my class 50 in years. The semi-centennial of Hamilton in 1862 is fresh and vivid in my mind's eye. Go ahead, and recast the program! Cram three days with zeal and achievement.

WM. COPLEY WINSLOW, '62.

New York, April 29, 1911.

Editor of Hamilton Life,

Clinton, N. Y.

Dear Sir:—The circular suggesting a change in the program of Commencement Week was duly received. It does not affect me personally, as I am seldom able to attend the Commencement exercises. However, it seems to me that the proposed change is a desirable one and that many of the Alumni might attend the exercises of Saturday, Sunday and Monday, who would be unable to attend either the entire week, in fact, any time during the middle of the week. I hope to be present Commencement Week in 1912.

Yours truly,

EDWARD S. PECK, '73.

Clifton Springs, N. Y., April 25.

The scheme for changing days of Commencement exercises at Hamilton does not seem to me wise. 1st, It breaks into a time-honored custom. 2nd, Clergymen with Sabbath duties at home could not attend.

Yours truly.

SAMUEL HAWLEY ADAMS,
Class '63.

Brooklyn, N. Y., April 27, 1911.

I believe your revision Commencement scheme a good one.

Sincerely yours,

ALEXANDER WOUTERS, '93.
193 Rutland Road.

Y. M. C. A. RECEPTION.

After Dr. Clarke's lecture tonight, the Y. M. C. A. will hold an informal gathering. While not intended as a sole attraction, lemonade and sandwiches will be served: an unlimited supply it is promised. Of course, there will be a few songs and possibly a talk or two. It is intended to provide a social evening for the College and friends.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE.

May 5, St. Lawrence, at Clinton.
May 6, Hobart, at Clinton.
May 12, Union, at Clinton.
May 15, Syracuse, at Syracuse.
May 16, Rochester, at Rochester.
May 17, Hobart, at Geneva.
May 30, Union, at Schenectady.
June 5, Colgate, at Hamilton.
June 10, Colgate, at Clinton.

COMMENCEMENT.

Among other alterations of the College Calendar to conform to the semester system, the Faculty has voted to change the time for the Commencement exercises from Thursday to Tuesday. This arrangement, if approved by the Trustees, to go into effect in 1912.

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HILL NOTES.

—No entries for the Interclass Track Meet will be received later than May 5th. Entries will be received by Peck, '12, Ingersoll, '13, Bristol, Gates and Mengerink, '14.

—Sherwin, '67, Adams, '91, Drummond, '01, Root, '03, Carter, '04, Drum mond, '06, Nellis, '06, Kuolt, '07, Wallace, '09, Woollcott, '09, and Hopkins, '09, have been on the Hill recently.

—The Glee and Instrumental Clubs will give a concert in the Auditorium in Utica on Thursday evening, May 4, under their own auspices. A dance will be held afterward from 10:30 to 1 o'clock. A special car will leave Utica for Clinton at 1:30.

—For the Track Department this season Manager Peck has secured as coach N. W. Roberts of Utica. Mr. Roberts is a graduate of Colgate University in the class of 1908.

INTERFRATERNITY BASEBALL.

The first game of the Interfraternity Baseball League was played on Tuesday afternoon when Psi U defeated D. K. E. in a well-played and closely contested game. Harper was the particular star of the contest, demonstrating his ability on the mound by striking out "Woody" twice. His hitting also was a feature, as he drove out a home run with two men on bases. Score by innings:

Psi U,	3 0 1 0 2—6
D. K. E.,	2 0 3 0 0—5

Batteries: Porter, '13, and Fear, '13; Harper, '11, and Fear, '13.

A double-header was played on Wednesday afternoon: the first game between Delta Upsilon and Theta Delta Chi, the latter winning by an 8 to 5 score. Regin, '12, started the game in the box for the winnners, but his opponents secured four runs off his delivery and he was relieved by Fear. A feature of the game was a three-base hit by "Mugs" Mason in the third inning when the bases were filled. Score by innings:

D. U.,	0 1 4 1 2—8
Theta Delta Chi,	4 0 0 1 0—5

Batteries: Regin, '12, Fear, '13, and Bedenkapp, '12; Getman, '11, and Taylor, '13.

The second game of the afternoon, between the Sigma Phi and the E. L. S. teams, resulted somewhat disastrously for the latter. Ogden, who pitched for the winners, held his opponents safely at all times, while Marhaver was hit hard and poorly supported. Features of the game were home runs by Marhaver and Jessup, and a fast double play by Sigma Phi, Jessup to Peters, '12, to Abernathy. The score:

Sigma Phi,	3 1 8 1 3—16
E. L. S.,	1 0 1 1 0—3

Batteries: Ogden, '14, and Callahan, '14; Marhaver, '11, and Taylor, '13.

NOTICE.

There will be an illustrated lecture in the Chapel tonight by Dr. John M. Clarke, the head of the State Department of Geology. Dr. Clarke will take for his subject, "The Islands of the Gulf of St. Lawrence," a topic which would provide interesting material for a lecture by a layman, but when handled by this recognized authority, will be instructive as well as interesting. Professor Miller promises that the lecture will be a great treat and urges all to attend.

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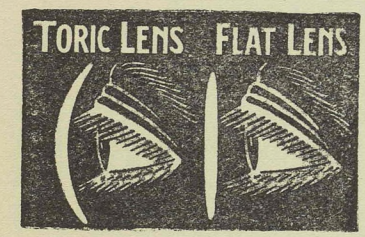

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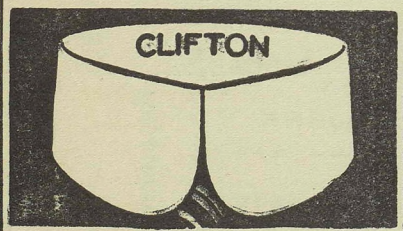

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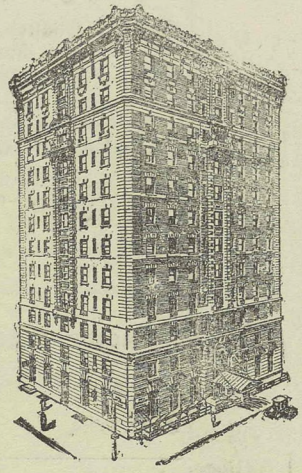

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